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SUBJECT: SECURITY OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN LEBANON

1. ON MARCH 7, ISRAELI EMBASSY COUNSELOR TURGEMAN CALLED ON NEA/ARN DIRECTOR DRAPER TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON SA'IQA PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON. DRAPER DREW EXTENSIVELY ON MOST RECENT BEIRUT REPORTING TO MAKE POINT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIAL SA'IQA PRESENCE IN SOUTH LEBANON, INCLUDING SOUTH OF THE LITANI, SINCE SPRING OF LAST YEAR. DRAPER THEN SEIZED OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN-
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VOLVING UN OBSERVERS, UNDERLINING NEED FOR ISRAELIS TO INSIST TO CHRISTIAN MILITIAS THAT THEY STOP THIS HARASSMENT.

2. ON MARCH 9, TURGEMAN REPORTED INTERALIA THAT IDF IN NORTH ISRAEL HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO URGE THE CHRISTIAN FORCES TO PUT AN END IMMEDIATELY TO SUCH HARASSMENT. UN

SECRETARIAT AND GENERAL SIILASVUO ARE BEING INFORMED OF THESE AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS. HE ADDED THAT, AS REGARDS ISRAELI OBJECTIONS TO UN OBSERVER USE OF THE ISRAELI-CONSTRUCTED ROAD IN LEBANON, THIS SUBJECT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. VANCE

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